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REMARKS

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1. Between 5 and 19 January 1954, [] units wearing red-bordered black epaulets who moved into earth bunkers in Jagen (forest section) Nos 92 and 139 near Neuglienicke at the Schweinrich troop training grounds. The units marched out exclusively at night. During the night on 18 January, 62 T-34 and JS tanks, [] were observed in this area. Numerous armored scout cars, jeeps and trucks passed through, and 3 buses occupied by officers were seen in Neuglienicke. During the night on 19 January, about 40 to 50 tanks, [] arrived at the triangle formed by straight lines between Rheinsberg- Zechow- Bienenwalde- Braunsberg. The camouflaged tanks were dug in in the woods. Two jeeps, 12 trucks, [] and 2 sidecar motorcycles were also observed. At 8 a.m. on 21 January, the tanks started firing with live ammunition at wooden targets. 25X1
2. On 15 January, 1 jeep and 1 truck, occupied by 11 officers arrived at Neuglienicke. At about 11 p.m., 8 T-34 tanks, [] 4 armored scout cars, 2 jeeps and 9 trucks were seen arriving. At 0:30 a.m. on 17 January, the unit left toward north. At about 4 p.m. on 17 January, 6 trucks carrying construction material and [] passed through Neuglienicke, proceeding toward Jagen No 139. Beginning on 20 January, 12 trucks occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets daily arrived at Neuglienicke from the direction of Neuruppin at about 7 a.m., proceeding to Jagen Nos 92, 112, 116, 138 and 139. About 60 dug-in and well camouflaged tanks, [] were observed in this area, in addition to an estimated 100 trucks, which were also dug in and camouflaged. Eighteen trucks were seen in farmyards in Neuglienicke. Trucks [] were identified. Eight armored scout cars and 12 sidecar motorcycles were observed. 25X1

Comment. In November, units of the 12th Gds Tank Div had cleared an area west of Neuglienicke, probably for firing lanes. []. According to motor vehicle and tank turret [] observed, elements of the division conducted tank firing practices at the new firing lanes in mid-January. 25X1

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